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Dear Harold,

I'm writing now in response to your letter re the King book and Zebra. I'll write later re the memo of transfer matter and will, of course, carbon you on further letters I write. I will address specific requests to Archives, DJ and SS on that.

I would like to help you on the King book, but, as you understand, I am operating under many limitations during this period. I doubt that I could come up for 2 weeks. Also, you described 2 types of work: the "gofor" and the editor/rewriter. I think I'd be of limited help as a gofor, simply because I am not familiar with the King files (indeed, not very familiar with the facts of the case) and thus would have to learn them from scratch. I think anyone else could fill that roll as easily as I could. I do think I have the credentials for editing, both on the basis of skill and experience, particularly experience with your writing. If we can work some arrangement for me to do most of the work from Gainesville, I'd be willing to edit the book or rewrite where I felt--and we agreed--it was needed. I could do a quick turnover.

Besides studying for the bar exam and tying up loose ends, I will have many other things to keep me busy. Next week Duane and I go to Jacksonville to look for a place to live, to move first week in June. The LAw Review is interested in publishing a paper I did for a course last quarter, which means updating and expanding. Also, I have just learned of a firm in town that needs a part-time clerk right away to work on a civil rights case, and I plan to look into that, for I could use the money.

Let me know your thoughts. As of your letter on this, you didn't have details of what publisher's arrangements would be, e.g., are they willing to provide their own editor or to pay you to hire one? Deadlines? Also, are there plans for appendix? facsimile reproductions? If not, I assume at any rate this is not the type of book with footnotes (even if there were some way that you could footnote to specific documents not published). I would suggest, if at all possible, that you follow a practice I think you've used in the past--to append a copy of the document you are discussing to the relevant sectin of the draft. That would serve several purposes. It would leave you with a way of getting back to your source, absent of footnotes, at some time in the future when you can't quite place it; also, it would be a great aide to an editor not intimately familiar with the evidence who has questions about what you are saying in the text.

Please keep me posted.

Best,

Howard